

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 423

BY SENATOR KARNES

[Introduced February 23, 2021; referred
to the Committee on Health and Human Resources;
and then to the Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §33-16G-10, relating to prohibiting abortion coverage in qualified health care
 3 plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2022; and providing an exception to the
 4 prohibition when a mother’s life is in danger.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 16G. WEST VIRGINIA HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE ACT.

§33-16G-10. Opt-out of abortion coverage.

1 Abortion coverage in qualified health plans offered through the exchange, whether the
 2 exchange is run solely by the state, in partnership with the federal government or solely by the
 3 federal government, is prohibited in those plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2022:
 4 Provided, That this does not prohibit coverage of abortion if the mother’s life is in danger.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit abortion coverage in qualified health care plans on or after January 1, 2022, with the exception for coverage when a mother’s life is in danger.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.